

OREA IMPLEMENTATION OF 2008 CRITERIA CHANGES FOR AT to AL UPGRADES

For appraisers currently holding the trainee license (AT), it is important to be aware of the 2008 licensing criteria changes and how they may impact the upgrade of that license to the residential appraisal license (AL).

In California, as part of the 2008 licensing criteria implementation process, upgrade applicants must meet all of the new requirements in place if they apply after January 1, 2008. On January 1, 2008, the basic education component for the AT and AL license levels changes from 90 hours to 150 hours. The hours of education submitted with upgrade applications must meet the required core curriculum modules for the AL license level. Applicants who submit upgrade applications after January 1, 2008, must also take the revised examination that will be based on the new educational requirements. The experience requirement of 2,000 hours remains the same; however, all experience must now be completed over a time period of not less than twelve months.

Applications for upgrade to the AL license level submitted prior to January 1, 2008, will be reviewed differently. Applicants who have completed the education requirement and who submit their application on or before December 31, 2007, will not be required to comply with the new education requirements even if their application lapses into 2008.

If applications for upgrade are submitted during 2007, but the education is not completed in accordance with the pre-2008 requirements prior to January 1, 2008, the education requirement will default to the 2008 criteria.